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REQUEST

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

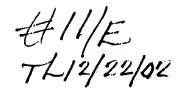
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2002 (paper no. 7) and the Advisory Action dated November 5, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Kindly amend the application as follows and reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks. Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows: